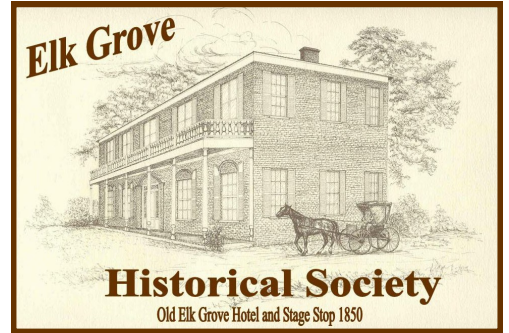


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## A Message From the President



The Time Capsule is completed and ready for dedication at the Red, White and Blue calibration on the 4th of July. Our ceremony will begin at 6 PM on the Strauss Island, Jacque Langenberg (on my left) with the City of Elk Grove has been the coordinator for two years on this project. The tall guy on my right (Ed Keema) is our very own master craftsman who has labored for six months to build this unique time capsule. Our Mayor and member of the Historical Society, Sophia Scherman and I invite you to attend the dedication ceremony on the Strauss Inland this 4th of July. Any questions call me at 761-2225 or email me at [jentrican@comcast.net](mailto:jentrican@comcast.net)  
Jim Entrican

## RHOADS SCHOOL REPORT—Frances Fite



Rhoads School

Priscilla Oliver, Facilities Manager Cosumnes Community Services District, has been doing her magic to finish the ADA ramp project with the school house. She has started the process of going out to bet new bids from cement contractors, working with the Board of CCSD to get a line item added to assist in the financing of the building of the ramp. Coordination with the Native Sons of the Golden West and the Historical Society for pledged funding to complete the ramp. If all goes according to her plan, somewhere in September we should be able to report when this construction will occur. Let's give a big vote of thanks to Priscilla and the CCSD Board for their help in providing the much needed ADA ramp for our school kids.

## Treasures from Our Past

### Safe from Bank of Elk Grove By Jim Entrican

This safe belonged to the Bank of Elk Grove (Established in 1912), originally located across from Happy Garden at 9070 Elk Grove Blvd. Bank of America bought this bank in the late 1920s or early 1930s, and at that time Ira Jones took possession of the safe. After his death the safe passed to his son Bud Jones who was a director of the First Security Bank of Elk Grove and displayed the safe in the branch after restoring it to very good condition. When the First Security Bank sold out the safe was moved to the Elk Grove Water Works and put on display there for many years. When the Water Works sold to the Florin Resource Conservation District the safe was removed to the Jones' residence. And now JB Jones & family will loan it to the Elk Grove Historical Society for display in the jail. JB will have to hire a heavy equipment mover to transport the safe from his garage to our jail as it weighs 5,000 pounds. That is a 2 TON, 3 ft high, Manganese Steel safe. You have to come see this new addition to our historical collection.





## Calendar of Events for July 2010

July 3: Museum Open from 12 noon to 4 PM

July 4: Come to the Historical Society Time Capsule Booth at Strauss Island for dedication of Ed Keema's Stage Coach Time Capsule. We will be on the Strauss stage at 6 PM with a 1 hour program.

July 12: Board Meeting, 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM

July 19: General Meeting at the Hotel/Museum with Strawberries' and Ice Cream hosted by your President and his wife (Jim and Annaclare). Entertainment will be a surprise, not even Jim knows what that is at the time of this printing.

July 22-25: Thursday - Sunday The Strauss Festival at the Regional park. For more information check out their website at <http://www.straussfestival.com/?StraussPromotions.com>

July 30, 31, August 1: Yard Sale 10 AM—4 PM, Museum grounds

### Treasure's Report: Phil Minghetti

OPERATING FUND	5-10-10	6-6-10
General Fund Balance	4,285.72	5,563.57
Generations Fund	373.18	103.98
<b>TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE:</b>	<b>\$ 4,658.90</b>	<b>\$ 5,667.55</b>
RESTORATION FUND		
Restoration Fund Balance	18,458.03	19,729.92
Time Capsule Fund	7,025.00	20,590.45
Luttig Memorial Fund	353.60	353.60
<b>TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE:</b>	<b>\$ 25,836.63</b>	<b>\$ 40,673.97</b>
MUSEUM STORE ACCOUNT		
	951.68	1,116.19
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 31,447.21</b>	<b>\$ 47,457.71</b>
RHOADS SCHOOL ACCOUNT BALANCES:		
Operating Fund:	376.06	376.06
Scholarship Fund:	1,324.30	1,484.30
Wright Family Memorial:	2,625.00	2,625.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 4,325.36</b>	<b>\$ 4,485.36</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 35,772.57</b>	<b>\$ 51,943.07</b>



### New Members

Judy Raderchak  
Regina Tellez

### Dates to Remember

- July 30
- July 31
- August 1



The Historical Society is having a Yard Sale on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 30, 31 and August 1. Please bring your yard sale items to the museum on Saturday July 10 between noon and 4 P.M. - they will be stored in the Foulks House. For further assistance call Lorraine at [683-6893](tel:683-6893).

### Research Library

Now open by appointment.  
Call Jeanette at 685-8115 or e-mail her at [msjlaw@comcast.net](mailto:msjlaw@comcast.net)

### Just my Opinion by Tom Russell

Sometimes you have wonder if what is important to you is important to someone else. The answer is "not necessarily". Then you ask yourself, "Why Not?" Well, it all depends on so many factors that it would be impossible to pinpoint just one or even a few reasons. Let's take that Thingamabob you've stored in the garage for years because it holds some importance to you or just the fact that it may be of use some day in the future. You're not even sure where you got it but now that you have it, you don't really want to part with it. One person may say that if you haven't used it in three months, toss it out; the next person says you need to save it because they no longer make those, and if you get rid of it you'll always regret throwing it away.

I guess the same theory's can be used in preserving our local Elk Grove history. I have heard several times in reference to some of our historic resources, "it's blocking progress" or "it's just an ugly old building" or "if we got rid of that, we could ....". I usually chalk these comments up to people who recently moved to Elk Grove and are not yet in tune with the importance of this community and how it came to be. There may be a lack of education about local history in our schools or it might be that progress and convenience has become so important that history no longer matters if it gets in the way. We have managed to transform our little part of California into roads, parking lots, shopping centers and housing. There was a plan at one time, to transform Elk Grove

### Just my Opinion by Tom Russell (cont.)

Boulevard through Old Town into a four-lane road to service the housing development of East Elk Grove. I'll let you imagine the thought processes of those who came up with that idea.

We are fast losing the history of why we became a small town in the first place. One historical icon, the Elk Grove Train Station, was torn down many years ago and sold for just \$ 1.00. The train station was once the pride of Elk Grove and part of so much history of our town but it was dismantled in May of 1972 and shipped to Lodi where it was stored in a field - never to be resurrected!! We currently have only four buildings west of highway 99 and within the city limits that are connected to our historical past. Two of the four are actually more a part of Franklin (Georgetown) history than Elk Grove. On the east side of highway 99 we have several historical resources and areas that reflect the different periods of Elk Grove's past. Old Town Elk Grove, which was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1988, has resources dating from 1876 through present time. There are many resources outside of the Old Town Historic District that also need to be recognized and documented as important to our local history before they slip from our radar and are gone forever without so much as a memory.

There are so many buildings that still define our historical past and represent the people who either built or lived in those buildings. Each one played a prominent part in the development of the Elk Grove area. Whether they were a store owner, builder, wine maker, teacher or County employee such as Judge, Constable or road builder, they were well known and were a part of the development of our town and current city. I think it is important that we recognize those people by preserving what we have left in their name.

Whether we teach our local history in schools, at the museum or by developing a self guided tour of our historic past, it is important not to give up on our resources because "it's blocking progress" or "it's just an ugly old building" or "if we got rid of that, we could ....". This history belongs to all of us and whether you just moved here or lived here all of your life, our historic resources should be a pride you have in the community where you live.

## EGHS Board Meeting Minutes June 14, 2010

### Call to order: Jim Entrican

- The minutes of the May 10 meeting were approved as read.
- The treasurer's report was approved as presented.
- The next general meeting (our summer picnic) will be held at the McFarland Ranch on Saturday, July 26. Jim will email a map with directions to the ranch.

### Old Business:

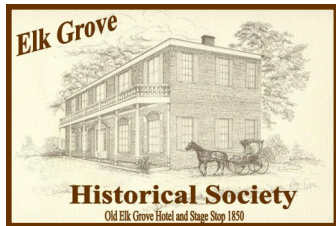
- Time Capsule: We've received \$20,590.45 so far. Any money that comes in now goes into our treasury.
- Material for the fence has been ordered. There will be an archway at the front gate (parking lot side) with lettering 'Heritage Park', which will cost an additional \$300 for the letters.
- We've received over \$1,000 in dues since the reminder notice went out.
- Phil Teeters reported that Lorraine Radke will be the new president of Garden of the Grove effective July 1. He and Milt determined how the irrigation will be installed.
- 50 people have signed up so far for the Delta bus tour. Lorraine complimented Barbara Claire for doing the brochures.
- Boy Scouts will return to finish the job on the jail. Two other scout projects are anticipated: Paint the deck and refurbish the original Elk Grove High School bell that is in the jail.
- CSD will put the additional money into their budget to complete the handicap ramp for the Rhodes School.
- Strauss Festival: We will host the Strauss Festival preview night on June 18.
- We may wait until the architect meets with us before going further with the wooden windows.

### New Business:

- The gutters need to be cleaned and will cost \$250 for someone in Wilton to do the job. Motion was made and passed to get the gutters cleaned with the stipulation that the man in Wilton is insured.
- Pipe is needed on the side of the museum and an ADA toilet. Ron Stafford can investigate both projects. Motion made and passed to proceed with the pipe and the ADA toilet at a cost of less than \$500.
- Michelle Orrock donated a Hoosier. Motion made and passed to accept the donation.
- Billie Blue is on the Lone Miwok Council and wants to meet with historical society committee to discuss enhancement of our "grinding stone" display. Committee members so far: Regina Tellez, Dennis Buscher and Joe Fabel.
- Elk Grove Bank Safe will be on loan from the Jones family and put in the jail.

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